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HONOLULU, H. I., *October 31, 1901.*

SIR: At a meeting of the board of health held yesterday, a letter from Executive Officer Pratt was read in regard to a rat-killing campaign. It was moved by Mr. E. A. Mott-Smith, seconded by Dr. W. L. Moore, that the recommendation in Dr. Pratt's letter be accepted and acted on. Motion carried.

Attorney-General Dole suggested that the members of the press be requested to publish the letter as a whole and ask the cooperation of the community in this matter.

It was moved by Attorney-General Dole, seconded by Mr. E. A. Mott-Smith, that Drs. Cooper and Pratt be appointed a committee of two, and that Dr. Cofer be asked to cooperate with the committee, and also that this committee be empowered to add to their number at their discretion from citizens from the territory. Motion carried.

Inclosed please find copy of the letter above referred to. Acting under instructions of the board, I would respectfully request that you cooperate with the committee upon this important question of killing rats.

Respectfully,

J. S. B. PRATT,
*Executive Officer.*Dr. L. E. COFER,
*Chief Quarantine Officer, City.**Maritime quarantine transactions for the month of October, 1901.*HONOLULU, H. I., *November 1, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report of quarantine transactions in the Hawaiian Islands for the month of October, 1901:

PORT OF HONOLULU.

Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	11
From domestic ports.....	40
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	1, 168
Steerage and stowaways.....	2, 744
Number of crew inspected.....	3, 525
Number of sick in detention from last month.....	0
Number in detention from last month.....	106
Number of sick in detention for this month.....	0
Number in detention for this month.....	591
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1, 018
Number of packages of freight disinfected.....	122

PORT OF HILO.

Number of vessels inspected.....	3
Number of passengers inspected.....	5
Number of crew inspected.....	30
Vessels remanded.....	0

PORT OF KAHULUI.

Number of vessels inspected.....	3
Number of passengers inspected.....	2
Number of crew inspected.....	47
Vessels remanded.....	0

PORT OF KIEHL.

Number of vessels inspected.....	0
Number of passengers inspected.....	0
Number of crew inspected.....	0
Vessels remanded.....	0

PORT OF LAHAINA.

Number of vessels inspected.....	1
Number of passengers inspected.....	0
Number of crew inspected.....	14
Vessels remanded.....	0

PORT OF KOLOA.

Number of vessels inspected.....	0
Number of passengers inspected.....	0
Number of crew inspected.....	0
Vessels remanded.....	0

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaiian Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

A fatal case of plague in Honolulu.

HONOLULU, H. I., November 12, 1901.

SIR: Referring to my telegram of the 10th instant, reporting a probable case of plague occurring here on the 8th instant, I have the honor to inform you that this case died Sunday, November 10, at 10 a. m., and was cremated at the quarantine station immediately after the necropsy. On November 9, Dr. McDonald aspirated a few drops from the bubo and demonstrated plague bacilli from the smears.

The necropsy findings were conclusive and were fairly characteristic. Smears from the spleen and bubo contained the bacilli. There is absolutely no doubt as to the diagnosis in this case. As far as it is known this infection can not be connected with any of the foci reported during the past five months.

The first case in the epidemic of two years ago occurred just across the street from this one, but on the same block. This is simply mentioned as a matter of passing interest. I saw the case with Drs. Pratt and Hodgins on November 8. The characteristic hebetude was present—the patient talking at random and picking at the bedclothes. The facies of the disease were well marked. The bubo was located in the right femoral region and was of large size. The surrounding tissues were infiltrated but not to the extent usually noticed—that is to say, the bubo was more easily mapped out than is usually the case. There was some diminution of tenderness in the bubo which was accounted for by the man's mental condition. Dr. Hodgins stated that this symptom was well marked when he first saw the case.

The rainy season has been on for the past ten days and the temperature has been lower. The appearance of plague was not unexpected at this time and in this connection I might refer to my letter of September 10, 1901, in which reference is made to the bearing which the meteorological conditions may have on the presence of plague in Honolulu. I inclose a letter from Dr. Pratt, giving all of the facts now known in connection with the case.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
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